Germany‘s provisional interest/role in GPM

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- Current Precipitation related project in Germany
- POLDIRAD (DLR-IPA) Oberpfaffenhofen (Research/Cloud physics)
- CERAD radar composite (Central Europe)
- The BALTEX Radar Data Centre
- Provisional Contributions: Scientific
- Provisional Contributions: Programmatic

Ongoing TRMM-related research

Project/Partners	Application
EUROTRMM (J. Testud, 1998-2001) • ECMWF • CETP • DLR-DFD • IFA • U Essex •	Precipitation Assimilation
EURAINSAT (V. Levizzani,2000-2003) • U Bologna • U Ferrara • U Jerusalem • DLR-DFD • IFA • .... • Steering Commitee (TRMM-ST-members)	Operational MSG

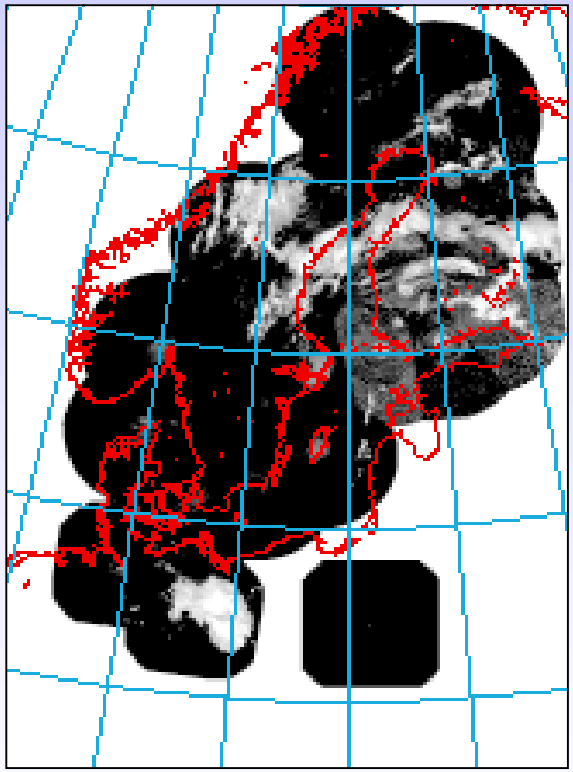
Ongoing GEWEX/BALTEX-related research

Project/Partners	Application
BALTIMOS (D. Jacob, 2001-2006) • MPIfM • FU Berlin • U Hamburg • U Bonn • U Hannover	Climate (Baltic Sea)
GPCC (WMO/DWD)	Climate

The BALTEX Radar Data Centre (BRDC)

General characteristics	
Number of radars	25
Frequency	X-band (5 cm): 23; C-band(3 cm): 2 Doppler
Rain gauges	Approx. 600
Radar products	
Raw reflectivities (CAPPI, PCAPPI)	Available for entire area every 15 minutes
Gauge adjusted surface rain rates	Available for entire area every 15 minutes
Radar Volume scans	Partially available (Gotland radar only)
Data access	Currently 2-4 weeks for all products SMHI radars data are available in near real

BRDC Coverage



BALTRAD
radar composite

BRDC Data plans beyond 2003

Validation site will be continuously available for the coming years within the framework of the Baltic Sea Experiment (BALTEX) and the GEWEX Coordinated Enhanced Observation Period (CEOP).

Swedish Radar: Available

Other European countries: Currently negotiations are underway to extend the temporal coverage of BRDC to at least 10 years (2009)

Interaction with GPM:

Nowcasting (DWD, EUMETSAT Nowcasting SAF, SMHI, INM, FU)

Medium Range Forecasting/Assimilation (ECMWF, MPIfM, DWD)

Climate variability: Mid- High latitude snowfall, rainfall (FU, DLR, MPIfM)

Cloud physics research/validation site POLDIRAD DLR-IPA

Establish BALTEX Radar network/BALTEX Radar Data Centre as a high latitude GPM validation site (KU, FU, SMHI, ECMWF)

Precipitation at high latitudes

As the height of the melting layer decreases scattering becomes increasingly important.

Ice and mixed phase precipitation microphysics.

Strong need for high frequency passive mw channels with high spatial resolution (150 GHz).